



## MINUTES

### **Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B**

#### **Regular Monthly Meeting**

**November 12, 2025**

**Held in Person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE and over Zoom**

**Commissioner Edward Stillwell Ryder, Chair**

**Approved at ANC 6B meeting December 9, 2025**

**Participating: Commissioners Gorman, Hughes, Krebs, Mareino, Pastore, Ryder, Sobelsohn, Sroufe, and Wolanin.**

Commissioner Ryder called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Mareino seconded to approve the agenda as proposed. At Commissioner Sobelsohn's suggestion, and by consensus, the Consent Agenda--specifically Commissioner Wolanin's appointment, for ANC 6B01, of a Resident Member on the Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Taskforce--was amended to name the appointee. The motion passed 8-0. Commissioner Gorman did not vote.

2. Consent Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Wolanin seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 8-0. Commissioner Gorman did not vote. The Consent Agenda included--

a. Adoption of the October 15 minutes. Those minutes can be found at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/10-2025-ANC6B-Full-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>.

b. Written reports and minutes since October 15 of meetings of ANC 6B committees and taskforces. The report or minutes of the--

1) Committee on--

a) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis is at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/11-2025-ANC6B-ABC-Committee-Report.pdf>.

b) Planning and Zoning is at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/11-2025-ANC6B-PZ-Report.pdf>.

c) Public Safety is at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/11-2025-Public-Safety-Committee-Report.pdf>.

d) Transportation is at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/11-2025-ANC6B-Transportation-Committee-Report.pdf>.

2) Southeast Library Taskforce is at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/11-2025-ANC-6B-Full-Meeting-Agenda-Packet.pdf> (p.21).

The Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Taskforce issued no written report for its October 20 or November 10 meeting.

c. Recommendations of the Committee on--

1) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis: to support alcoholic-beverage license renewals for--

a) Publican Ventures, LLC, trading as Hawk N' Dove [sic], 329 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, of a Class C Tavern License with endorsements for cover charge, dancing, entertainment, and sidewalk café (ABRA-108218).

b) Lola's, LLC, 711 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE, of a Class C Tavern License with endorsements for entertainment and sidewalk café (ABRA-086141).

c) DT Parent Co, LLC, trading as Dos Toros Taqueria, 215 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, of a Class C Restaurant License with a sidewalk-café endorsement (ABRA-125171).

d) Hamburger Train, LLC, trading as Hill East Burger, 1432 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, of a Class C Tavern License with endorsements for entertainment and a sidewalk café (ABRA-122788).

2) Planning and Zoning: applications of--

a) 655 South Carolina Ave., SE, before the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA #21393). To improve living conditions for the tenants of this small apartment building, the owner seeks a small setback and lot-occupancy increase. The committee recommended endorsing the request, conditioned on the ANC's receiving supportive written communications from the project's neighbors. Commissioner Mareino, chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee, confirmed that he has received those supportive written communications.

b) 603-05 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, before the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPA 26-53). This daycare center seeks approval for a title change, requested by the Department of Buildings, to accompany interior construction designed to improve access between two adjoining buildings. The buildings are in both a business district and a historic district.

d. Taskforce appointment: The ANC confirmed Commissioner Wolanin's appointment of Armand Lione as Resident Member for 6B01 on the Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Taskforce, replacing Steven Thomas.

3. Announcements.

a. ANC 6B Commissioners.

1) Commissioner Ryder announced--

a) Executive Committee action: On October 28, 2025, the ANC Executive Committee adopted revisions to the ANC's standing rules. The new standing rules can be found at <https://anc6b.org/anc-6b-standing-rules/>.

b) Upcoming ANC 6B meetings.

1-- In-person meetings, at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, with live streaming (links at [anc6b.org](https://anc6b.org)).

a-- Committees on--

(1) Public Safety, Monday, November 17, 6:30 p.m.

(2) Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis, Tuesday, December 2, 7 p.m.

b-- Southeast Library Taskforce, Monday, December 8, 6:30 p.m.

c-- Full ANC monthly meeting, Tuesday, December 9, 7 p.m.

2-- Virtual meetings, with links at [anc6b.org](https://anc6b.org), of the--

a-- Executive Committee, Tuesday, November 18, 7 p.m.

b-- Planning and Zoning Committee, Monday, December 1, 7 p.m.

c-- Transportation Committee, Wednesday, December 3, 7 p.m.

2) Commissioner Pastore announced Pottery on the Hill, at the Hill Center, 921 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday, November 14, and ending at 4 p.m. Sunday, November 16.

b. Representatives of other DC-government branches

1) Noah Glasgow, of the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, made the following announcements.

a) Juvenile curfew: On November 1 Mayor Bowser signed an order prohibiting, with exceptions, anyone under 18 from appearing in public from 11 p.m.-6 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. November 5. The DC Council has extended the curfew until February 7, 2026. The new law, which Mayor Bowser has signed, prohibits (with exceptions) anyone under 18 from appearing in public from 11 p.m.-6 a.m. daily. In addition, the new law authorizes the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) chief to designate special high-risk zones in which it will be illegal (with exceptions) for anyone under 18 to appear in public from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. If the police chief learns that eight or more people under 18 plan to gather in an area, the chief can also declare a temporary curfew for that area, even if it hasn't earlier been

designated a high-risk zone. If time permits, MPD will erect posters in the high-risk or temporary-curfew zones.

b) Hypothermia season. Hypothermia season runs from November 1 to March 31. Every day, DC will provide welfare checks, warming centers, a shelter hotline (202-399-7093 or 311), and cold-alert updates (go to [alert.dc.gov](http://alert.dc.gov)).

c) Trash pickup. Because Congress continues to block spending of \$1.1 billion in DC tax dollars, the Department of Public Works has had too few staff to collect solid waste or household trash. With new hiring underway, DPW hopes eventually to restore its previous trash-pickup schedule.

d) Repercussions for Marcus Hunt. At the October meeting, the ANC learned that Marcus Hunt, director of the DC National Guard and a DC government employee, had circulated, from his DC email address but without clearing it with anyone else in the DC government, the National Guard's offer to aid in DC "beautification." As he did in October, Glasgow promised again to report to the ANC what repercussions, if any, Hunt will face for circulating the National Guard offer on his own, without clearing it with anyone else in the DC government.

e) Department of Transportation (DDOT) Strategic Bikeways Workshop. From 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, December 3, at the Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Place, SW, DDOT will hold a public workshop on its plans for Ward Six Strategic Bikeways.

2) Kimberly Kennedy, of the office of Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen, made the following announcements.

a) Trash pickup. Send [KKennedy@dccouncil.gov](mailto:KKennedy@dccouncil.gov) reports about problems with trash pickup.

b) Councilmember Charles Allen will hold the "Brickie" awards ceremony, with free food and drinks, starting at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 4, at Skyline 609, 609 H St., NE.

c) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): During the October-November federal-government shutdown, the DC government has funded SNAP through November.

d) Streateries. On November 17, Councilmember Allen's Committee on Transportation and the Environment held a roundtable on restaurants that set up tables on the sidewalk and in the streets outside their restaurants. DDOT is preparing a set of permanent rules to regulate these "streateries." Councilmember Allen will propose lowering the fee restaurants must pay, authorizing them to operate streateries year-round, and requiring that they remove any they have abandoned.

e) Neighborhood office: Councilmember Allen will hold a neighborhood office from 8:30-10 a.m. Friday, December 12, at Tango Pastry, 408 H St., NE.

f) Proposed legislation. Kennedy promised to report to the ANC on the status of the proposed--

- 1-- Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Amendment Act of 2025.

- 2-- Fair Swipe Act, especially the effect on the proposal of a reported legal settlement by major credit-card companies.

3) Captain Adam Crist, of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), reported on the following.

a) ANC crime statistics. Captain Crist reported that, in the past 12 months, ANC 6B has seen--

- 1-- A drop of 43% in violent crime, of 50% in robberies, and of 31% in property crimes.

- 2-- An increase of 3% in motor-vehicle thefts.

b) Belga assault: Regarding an October 17 assault outside the Belga Café, 514 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE, MPD arrested four adults. Each has been released pending trial.

c) Curfew: Captain Crist predicted that MPD would not “often” declare a curfew without expecting a gathering of at least 100 juveniles. He expects MPD just to inform gathered juveniles of the curfew and for the juveniles to disperse voluntarily. However, during the curfew, MPD will stop all juveniles outside after 11 p.m. and contact their parents.

d) MPD collaboration with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Captain Crist would neither confirm nor deny anything about MPD collaboration with ICE, nor about reports that kidnappers are impersonating ICE agents. He referred the ANC to MPD’s Public Information Office.

#### 4. Presentations.

a. Congressional Cemetery. Mark Hudson introduced himself as the new executive director of the Congressional Cemetery, 1801 E St., SE (mhudson@congressionalcemetery.org & 202-543-0539). Opened in 1807, the cemetery is currently undergoing a master-planning process, including public

meetings and online surveys. Hudson expects completion in early 2026. He promised to report on the plan to the ANC. He anticipates it will cover the next 5-10 years. Meanwhile, Hudson announced that the cemetery’s chapel will host a public event to meet him Saturday, November 22, from 2-3:30 p.m.; that the cemetery will host a holiday market from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, December 7; and--to recognize veterans buried there--“Wreaths Across America,” from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, December 13. Hudson expects to publish the cemetery’s 2026 program schedule by December 31, 2025.

b. 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Park. Deputy Director Jessica Smith Lennan, with help from DDOT Bridge Project Manager Konjit Eskender, gave an update about the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Park. The park is a public-private partnership between DDOT and Building Bridges Across the River, a Ward 8 nonprofit. With over 1,000 meetings, the community helped design the park. It will connect both sides of the Anacostia River, and Yards Park with the Anacostia Heritage Rail and the Anacostia River Trail. Later in November, the park’s planners expect to get their Department of Buildings construction permit and a transfer of jurisdictional authority from the DC Council. They hope to hire a general contractor in December, and in January to pick a groundbreaking date for late spring or early summer 2026. In January they will also schedule monthly walking tours of the construction site, May through September, probably on Thursdays. They plan to open the park in 2028. The organizers expect the park eventually to include an environment education center, a kayak and canoe launch, an urban farm, a modern playground, a café, and a restaurant.

Meanwhile, along with the Ward 8 Homebuyers Club and the Douglass Community Land Trust, the 11<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge Park Community Investment Plan has helped 182 Ward-8 ex-renters buy homes. The three organizations are now also helping Ward-7 residents buy homes.

#### 5. Other Concerns.

a. MPD and immigration enforcement. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded for the ANC to urge that the DC Council hold a hearing about MPD’s role in immigration enforcement, and then, if Council holds a hearing, for ANC 6B to submit testimony, urging transparency. The motion passed 8-1. Commissioner Mareino abstained.

b. Youth curfew. Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to instruct the Public Safety Committee, at one of its meetings between November and January, to recommend a position for the ANC to take regarding the now-enacted DC youth curfew. The motion passed 9-0.

c. Trash pickup. Commissioner Hughes moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to send a letter to the Department of Public Works (DPW) regarding trash pickup, specifically asking (1) how, regarding trash pickup, DPW is handling a reported DPW staff shortage, (2) how DPW trains its staff regarding route completion for trash pickup, and how DPW tracks that completion, and (c) whether DPW has

a tracking system for trash pickup similar to its system for snow removal and--if not--why not. The motion passed 9-0.

## 6. Reports of ANC 6B Committees and Taskforces.

### a. Committees: Committee on--

#### 1) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis.

a) Application by DC Ramen, LLC, trading as Kaiju Ramen, 525 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE, for renewal of a Class C Tavern License with endorsements for a sidewalk café and a summer garden (ABRA-118566). The applicant appeared at neither the committee meeting nor this ANC meeting. Commissioner Pastore moved/Commissioner Hughes seconded to support the application. With Commissioners Pastore, Mareino, Ryder, and Hughes voting “yes,” Commissioners Wolanin, Sroufe, Sobelsohn, and Krebs voting “no,” and Commissioner Gorman abstaining, the motion failed in a tie vote. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded for the ANC to take no position on the application. The motion passed, 6-2, with Commissioners Pastore and Mareino voting “no” and Commissioner Hughes abstaining.

#### b) Updates.

1-- High Demand DC Weed Dispensary & Delivery, 511 11<sup>th</sup> St., SE, wants to extend its hours to 11 p.m. They plan to attend the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee’s next meeting.

2-- Roundtable: the Committee recommended formation of a subcommittee to organize a roundtable regarding maintaining commercial diversity on Barracks Row, including the possibility of a moratorium on new cannabis retailers and fast-food restaurants. Before inviting speakers, the committee plans to present a roster for ANC approval. Commissioner Pastore moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to accept the committee’s recommendation. The motion passed 9-0.

3-- Protests. Commissioner Sobelsohn reported on two ongoing protests, on both of which attorney Kerry Verdi represents the ANC.

a-- Ambar, 523 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE: the ANC is negotiating with Ambar about settling its liquor-license renewal application.

b-- Tobacco King, 539 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE, applying for a license to sell cannabis under the business name “Aloha”: the protest is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10. With guidance from attorney Verdi, the committee is contemplating settling the protest with the applicant.

2) Transportation. Commissioners Sobelsohn and Hughes gave an update on the hole in South Carolina Ave., SE. DC Water has repaired the hole but ongoing monitoring will be necessary.

3) Planning and Zoning Committee: regarding Spotify Technology’s application, before the Historic Preservation Review Board, for a permit to renovate 440 New Jersey Ave., SE, the committee recommended that Commissioner Wolanin organize a group to seek a settlement agreement with Spotify to secure commitments regarding potential use of the property. Commissioner Wolanin reported that, based on his initial contacts with Spotify’s architect, the company appears willing to negotiate an agreement. Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to authorize Commissioner Wolanin to organize a group to seek a settlement agreement with Spotify to secure commitments regarding potential use of the property, and to bring any proposed agreement to the ANC for its consideration. The motion passed 9-0.

7. Outstanding Public-Service Award: Commissioner Sroufe encouraged commissioners to submit, to the chair, nominees for the ANC 6B 2025 Outstanding Public-Service Award, to be determined by ANC 6B officers at the Executive Committee meeting, and announced at the ANC’s December 10 meeting.

8. Adjournment. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Wolanin seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sobelsohn  
Secretary, ANC 6B